

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Claims 1 and 22 have been amended. Claims 43 and 44 have been added.

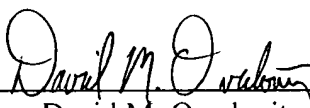
Pursuant to the requirement contained in the Office Action mailed August 14, 2003, Applicants hereby elect species I, as shown in Figure 1.

Claims 1, 4-14, 22 and 25-35 read on the elected species. Further, claims 1 and 22 are generic claims that read on other non-elected species enumerated by the Examiner. Claims 2, 3 and 15 and 23, 24 and 36 read on non-elected species and depend from generic claims 1 and 22, respectively. Therefore, if claims 1 and/or 22 are deemed to be allowable, then the respective non-elected claims 2, 3 and 15 and 23, 24 and 36 should be entitled to consideration by the Examiner.

In view of the amendments and election, a full examination on the merits of the present application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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